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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO COLOMBIAN NOTE ON COLOMBIAN TREATY
RIGHTS IN PANAMA CANAL

MEXICO FOR AMBASSADOR JOVA

, FOLLOWING NOTE DATED FEBRUARY 19 BEING DELIVERED TO
COLOMBIAN EMBASSY TODAY IS TRANSMITTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION

QUOTE: THE SECRETARY OF STATE PRESENTS HIS COMPLIMENTS TO
HIS EXCELLENCY THE AMBASSADOR OF COLOMBIA AND HAS THE
HONOR TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE RECEIPT OF HIS NOTE OF
FEBRUARY 1, 1974 ENCLOSING A COPY OF A NOTE DATED
DECEMBER 13, 1971 ADDRESSED BY THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS OF COLOMBIA TO THE UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR IN
BOGOTA, CONCERNING THE TREATY BETWEEN COLOMBIA AND THE
UNITED STATES OF APRIL 6, 1914 AND THE RIGHTS GRANTED
TO COLOMBIA THEREIN.

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS AWARE OF ITS TREATY
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COMMITMENTS TO COLOMBIA WITH RESPECT TO THE PANAMA CANAL.

TREATY NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA HAVE NOT YET REACHED A POINT AT WHICH IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO ENTER INTO CONVERSATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF COLOMBIA.

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ANTICIPATES FRIENDLY AND

CORDIAL DISCUSSIONS OF THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE TREATY OF 1914 TO A NEW TREATY FOR THE PANAMA CANAL AT SUCH TIME AS NEGOTIATIONS HAVE FURTHER DEVELOPED THE VIEWS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA ON THIS MATTER.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
WASHINGTON, END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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